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STRUCTURE

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND JAIL (PA-610)

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Courthouse 436 Grant St. with Jail across street at 420 Ross St. Courthouse: rock-faced granite laid in alternating wide and narrow courses, 301' x 209' with interior courtyard 145' x 70', five stories and attic with battered basement, steep gable and hip roofs with dormers, central entrance tower with turrets on W (front) elevation, slightly projecting corner pavilions, pedimented

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entrances (N and S elevations) flanked by turrets, four towers in courtyard, arched openings with massive voussoirs, connected to Jail by enclosed bridge (resembles Bridge of Sighs, Venice); Jail: coursed rock-faced granite, irregular plan with radial cell-block wings around central octagonal tower, open interior yards, surrounding walls with watchtowers, five stories with battered basement, gable, hip and conical roofs, four-story arched windows with massive voussoirs face interior yards; Romanesque Revival style. Built 1884-88, Henry Hobson Richardson, architect; 1909 Jail enlarged, F.J. Osterling, architect; 1923-24 arched

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entrances of N and S elevations partially filled. One of H.H. Richardson's finest monumental designs. 35 sheets (1963, including site plan, plans, elevations, sections, details); HABSI (1963). NHL.

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